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In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2629
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
and
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56

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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance for claims 4 to 8 and 15 to 20 of this application was mailed September 21, 2006. The issue fee is not being paid and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in order to bring art to the attention of the Examiner. Any necessary fees should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 18-0560. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below.

Disclosure Under 37 CFR § 1.56

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are hereby disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It is not admitted that the

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information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b). The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO/SB/08 in duplicate on which the documents are listed. The Examiner is requested to return an initialed and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

The following documents, not previously cited, have been cited during the prosecution of U.S. Application No. 10/019,587, filed March 13, 2002, which is related to the present application. Application No. 10/019,587 is currently being examined in Art Unit 2629.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant
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Copies of Documents

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of the above documents, which are all U.S. patents, are being sent. All of these documents are, however, listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and Applicants will readily supply copies if needed.


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As this disclosure statement is being submitted with an RCE, Applicants believe that no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

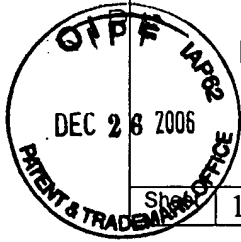
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